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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST: MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON JERUSALEM

1. ACCORDING TO MARCH 14 PRESS REPORT, FONMIN RITHAUDDEEN TOLD A LOCAL AUDIENCE AT RANTAU PANJANG ON KELANTAN STATE/ THAI BORDER THAT MALAYSIA WOULD JOIN WITH OTHER ISLAMIC MATIONS IN SEEKING LIEBERATION OF JERUSALEM FOR BENEFIT OF BOTH MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS. RITHAUDDEEN REPORTEDLY TOLD VILLAGERS AHAT "AT PRESENT ISRAEL ALLOWS JEWS ONLY (SIC) TO WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM." ADDING THAT "IT IS MALAYSIA'S POLICY TO SEE THAT MUSLIMS ALL OVER THE WORLD REMAIN UNITED AND WE ARE PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN STRIVING TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE."

2. COMMENT: FONMINS' REMARKS, ALTHOUGH FACTUALLY INCORRECT RE FREEDOM OF WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM, ARE MILD COMPARED TO GROSS FORMS OF POLITICO-RELIGIOUS
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OPPORTUINSM AND OBSCURANTISM OCCASIONALLY ENCOUNTERED HERE. (A RECENT EXAMPLE IS THE ACCUSATION BY BERJAYA PARTY SEC GEN MOHD NOOR THAT USNO STRONGMAN TUN MUSTAPHA IS PART ZIONIST CONSPIRACY BECAUSE HE IS A FREE MASON. SOURCE CITED FOR LINK BETWEEN MASONRY AND ZIONISM IS "PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION".)

IN RITHAUDDEEN'S CASE, HIS REMARKS ON JERUSALEM ARE
ALSO EVIDENCE OF HIS OWN POOR GRASP OF
INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, A DEFICIENCY PRIVATELY
LAMENTED BY A NUMBER OF HIS MFA SUBORDINATES.
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